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SUBJ: MOE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MFM, OASGA AND EBERLE MISSION

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1. MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GEORGE MOE, WHO HEADED BARBADIAN DELEGATION TO RECENT MFM AND OASGA, TOLD EMBASSY FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM U.S. LAST WEEK HE THOUGHT MFM HAD MADE FURTHER PROGRESS DESPITE SHORT INTERVAL SINCE MEXICO MFM, AND CITED CUBA AND AGREEMENT ON INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS SPECIFIC AREAS OF FORWARD MOTION. HE SAID HIGH STANDARD OF DIALOGUE BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY WAS MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON, AND GAVE BOTH SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER GOOD GRADES. MRS. MOE WAS PLEASED AT LUNCHEON SHE ATTENDED WITH MRS. KISSINGER, AND ADVOCATE-NEWS APRIL 29 CARRIED EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. MOE SEATED NEXT TO MRS. KISSINGER.
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2. OASGA, IN CONTRAST, WAS INEVITABLE LET-DOWN ACCORDING TO MOE, SINCE IT COULD NOT HOPE TO CONTINUE ON SAME HIGHE PLANE AS MFM AND SINCE SUBJECT MATTER SOMEWHAT MORE ADMINISTRATIVE THAN SUBSTANTIVE. AS STATED IN HIS SPEECH TO OASGA, MOE EXPRESSED IMPATIENCE AND DISENCHANTMENT OVER EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED AT CHOICE OF ATLANTA AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SITE SINCE IT PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE "NEW SOUTH."

3. UPON HIS RETURN TO BARBADOS LAST WEEK, MOE PROMPTLY UPSET ARRANGEMENTS FOR EBERLE MISSION CONSULTATIONS WITH CARICOM REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH HAD BEEN LABORIOUSLY WORKED OUT WITH MINEXTAFF AND MINTRADE AS RESULT OF EMBASSY'S PERSISTENT PRODDING. EVEN THOUGH MINEXTAFF HAD ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN GROUND RULE THAT CONSULTATIONS BE CONSIDERED AS "INFORMAL EXCHANG" AND REPLIED TO US BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT EARLIER PROPOSED DATE OF APRIL 5-6 WOULD NOT BE "CONVENIENT FOR CARICOM TRADE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS," SUGGESTING INSTEAD THAT MEETING BE HELD FOLLOWING "MEETING OF CARICOM TRADE MINISTERS IN BARBADOS APRIL 26-27," MOE SURPRISINGLY TOOK POSITION THAT SINCE CONSULTATIONS WITH EBERLE MISSION STEMMED FROM MEXICO MFM, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR EBERLE MEETING ALSO TO BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. AS RESULT, DESPITE EMBASSY'S BEST EFFORTS TO CONTRARY, NO MINISTER FROM ANY CARICOM COUNTRY ATTENDED MORNING SESSION WITH EBERLE MISSION APRIL 27 AND CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL DEMAS CHAIRED MEETING RATHER THAN TRADE MINISTER TAITT AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. THOSE CARICOM TRADE MINISTERS PRESENT IN BARBADOS, HOWEVER, DID ATTEND AMBASSADOR'S WORKING LUNCHEON FOR EBERLE FOLLOWING MORNING SESSION. MOE REPLIED TO AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT EBERLE CALL ON HIM BEFORE MEETING AND THAT HE ATTEND LUNCHEON WITH THE WORDS "IT WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT." MOE'S REASONS FOR BEING SO PROTOCOL-CONSCIOUS WITH REGARD TO LEVEL OF EBERLE CONSULTATIONS ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. HIS REASONS MAY BE RELATED TO HIS POLITICAL AND PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH TAITT AS MUCH AS TO PROTOCOL. SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES IMPLIED THAT A MOUNTAIN WAS MADE OUT OF A "MOEHILL."
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